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"THE FIRST PLEASANT THING ABOUT A GARDEN---IS THAT YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN TO START IT GOING".

"NEXT TO DECIDING WHEN TO START YOUR GARDEN,THE MOST IMPORTANT MATTER IS,WHAT TO PUT IN IT".

Charles Dudley Warner so expresses the two great problems of the gardeners existance,-what to plant,and when to plant it. These booklets of ours are designed to help you with both.

If you are receiving one for the first time,let us say that they are published with reasonable regularity,thruout the year. Each suggests what may best be planted in the following period. This January issue offers small potted plants of many sorts of unusual items,which may thus be sold at lower prices,and which are admirable for planting to provide later bloom,or to obtain plants whose rarity makes the cost of fully grown specimens,prohibitive. As we grow only enough of each to cover the orders received,it is essential that we have early orders. And because of the low prices,we ask that cash accompany the order if possible. Orders cannot be accepted at these prices,after March 15th.

Unless otherwise stated,ALL PRICES INCLUDE DELIVERY,east of the Mississippi.Add 5% for points west.

CHRYSANTHEMUM AMELIA

Amelia is one 'Mum of whose behavior we heartily approve.A year ago we presented her at some length,and many who became acquainted with her then,have thanked us for making her known. To begin with,however, we must admit that she is also known as Azaleamum,and Pink Cushion. And it seems that she was first offered,back in the '90s,as one of a set of seedlings sent out by a New Jersey specialist. She made no great impression then,and apparently disappeared. About three years ago,she reappeared under several names,and we have been given some pleasure in trying to trace her whereabouts thru the 30 odd years.

Amelia is perfectly hardy here,dwarf and compact in habit,and is early and continuous in flowering. Plants from small pots,put into the ground in April and May,will,without pinching,make a rounded head of flowers from six to nine inches across,and about a foot high,in late August,lasting thruout September,and even later.

The flowers are pink,a clear deep shade,with a touch of yellow at the center.They are fully double,and about 1½" across. The foliage is small and neat.Because of the plants small size,it is adapted to the rockery,and its neat habit makes it useful for a garden edging,or for color in the low border. The second year,it is larger of course,but it is never rampant,and always dwarfed.

We suggest that three plants,in one 5" pan,plunged in the garden,or grown in the greenhouse,will make a splendid plant to brighten the house in autumn.One may also grow them singly in 4" pots,and use to fill porchboxes,as they begin to flower.

Strong plants from 2" pots;25¢ each;3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25;postpaid.

VIOLAS AND VIOLETS

Bedding Violas.

Under this heading,we are grouping all of the large flowered Violas which are suitable for use in massed bedding,for edgings of borders,or for specimens in the rockery. Planted early,from small pots,they soon flower,and continue into hot weather,much better than do larger plants.

From 2" pots. 3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25;100 for $10.00.Single plants,25¢.

APRICOT.A Viola of unusual coloring,a clear rich orange yellow.As it is grown from seed,some variation is apparent,but we have a very good strain which may be relied on to give very even coloring.Plants were started in the fall of 1934,and are especially fine and large.

BETTY.A fine pale blue Viola,with a flower similar in form to Jersey Gem.Actually the blooms are blue,flaked with white,giving an unusual color effect.Is at its best in warm weather,we think.

GIANT JERSEY GEM.We obtained this variety last year,and have not given it an extensive trial.It is fully as good as Jersey Gem,tho no better, under our conditions.Coloring is identical,but the plant seemed to be stronger.We have a fine stock,and offer at regular prices.

JERSEY GEM.Ours is the original strain,and it is still the best dark blue flowered Viola,we have.With us,it flowers nearly all summer,and is never straggly and unkempt.

JERSEY JEWEL.A much larger and more richly colored Gem.The flowers are rounded,a brighter blue purple in effect,and the plant is larger,and less compact.It is never at its best until midsummer.Fine for rockery.

MAGGIE MOTT.This is one of the oldest varieties grown in England,but it is still little known here.Last summer,callers here invariably exclaimed over a large bed in full bloom,tho many had read our descriptions without interest.The flowers are large and round,the color a clear pale mauve.The plant is hardy,compact and neat,and grows easily.The flowers are slightly fragrant,and are produced in profusion.Now that it is available in quantity,it should be in every garden.

MOSELY PERFECTION.This is another English variety,very similar to Maggie Mott,but a clear even deep yellow shade.There is no better yellow Viola,and we have tried nearly all that have been offered.The habit is vigorous and good,the flowers large,and plentifully produced.

PORTLAND GEM.This is a counterpart of Jersey Gem,in all except color. The blooms are a slaty blue,slightly lighter,and different than any other blue sort we have grown.

ROYAL GEM.We offered this in 1934,for the first time,after a years trial.Now after another season,we like it better than before.It is much larger than Jersey Gem,and more rounded.The color is slightly deeper blue,or nearly purple,and,glowing with a sheen,seems to have depth.It also seems to have a liking for warm weather,but the bed was rarely without blooms,all last season.

WHITE JERSEY GEM.Except for the color,which is pure white,this is identical with Jersey Gem.There is the same long,slightly crinkled petalled flower,and the same neat habit.The best white Viola.

PANSIES

For some years,we have grown for local sales,a superior strain of Pansy.The seed is now offered as'Rainbow Giants'. We are sure that you will like this strain of Pansies,and we offer strong young plants grown in pots,in fall,1934,and ready to burst into bloom in your garden.They are available at any time,at the following prices.

15¢ each;10 for $1.00;25 or more at 8¢ each,postpaid to you.

FRAGRANT VIOLETS

The following are forms of Viola odorata,and are perfectly hardy here.They are fine for use in the rockery,and for carpeting shady spots as well as for edging for woodland paths.

From 2" pots. 3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25;100 for $10.00. Single plants,25¢.

CHARM.This form appeared here,among plants of V.odorata.It is stronger than the type,with good clean foliage,and abundant growth.The flowers are white,flushed with lavender,and are as large as any sort we grow, except the Single Russian.They are carried on good stems,and may be picked.There is a distinct tendency to perpetual flowering,and always a good fall bloom.This is more pronounced,when new plants are set each spring,or the old ones divided.Very fragrant.

ROSINA.This is the only hardy and fragrant pink Violet.The plant is strong and vigorous.Flowers are a deep rose pink,sood size and good stems.They are produced freely in spring,scatteringly all summer,and heavily in fall,until freezing weather.They perfume the garden,after other flowers are gone.

SWEET BLUE.The old fashioned,single,dark blue fragrant Violet.This we found in a Vermont garden,some years ago,and the strain is particularly hardy and vigorous.

SWEET WHITE.The white flowered form of the fragrant single Violet.

DOUBLE RUSSIAN.This is a fine old time Violet,with good foliage and habit.It likes partial shade,especially in afternoon,and seems to need perfect drainage.The flowers are very double,dark blue,and very sweet. Stock scarce.Priced at 25¢ each;5 for $1.25.

SINGLE RUSSIAN.Not at all like the preceding.Instead it is a vigorous form of the sweet blue Violet,with single flowers of large size on long stems,produced plentifully in spring,and on young plants,again in fall.It is admirably fitted for carpeting shady areas,and will cover the ground thickly.Should be divided in spring,after flowering,so that it will flower in fall.We offer strong divisions from the field,not available until about April.The plant is too vigorous for pot culture.

VIOLA SYLVESTRIS ROSEA

This little Violet has flowers of a fine light shade of pink,not fragrant,but freely produced.The foliage is distinct,and the habit is neat and attractive.It grows readily in full sun,in the open nursery, and will spread to make a good clump in one season.Seedlings appear in the fields,but are hard to germinate in the greenhouse.This is a choice rockery specimen,attractive at all times,and excellent in sun or partial shade.We believe that we have sufficient supply this year to fill all orders,but advise making reservations early.

GAILLARDIA SUN GOD

Sun God is aptly named.It is a seedling of an older yellow Gaillardia called Golden Gleam,and was raised by the introducer of so many fine perennials,our close friend of Bristol Nurseries.Last year it was available from but few sources.The few plants we had here,were from small pots,and flowered in midsummer,and later.They were a sensation, and every visitor to the nursery wanted them.The growth is erect,the flower on a good strong stem.The immense bloom,is partly double,and has a reddish golden cast that is indescribable.Do not fail to try this showy new Gaillardia,this year.

We can offer only strong young potted plants,which will flower in midsummer,at 35¢ each;10 for $3.00,postpaid.

KOREAN HYBRID CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Before these new 'Mums were offered generally,we had served as a test garden for them,to determine their hardiness. And we saw the very first tint of color appear in the white C.coreanum,the first promise to the hybridizer that his work would be rewarded.So that from a full knowledge of them,we can recommend them to every gardener.

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APOLLO.Bronze,red,and gold,suffused with glowing salmon.A superb fall color,that fairly sparkles.
CERES.Old-gold,chamois-yellow,and soft coppery bronze,dusted with gold.
DAPHNE.A new shade of pink,in Chrysanthemums.Slightly lighter than lilac-rose,and having prominent golden stamens.
DIANA.Slightly more double than the others,tho still a single.Rose-pink and soft salmon.A new color note for fall.
MARS.Deep amaranthe to wine-red.A velvety,deep colored sort.
MERCURY.The brightest sort,bronzy red changing to coppery bronze.

Any one variety,50¢ each;3 for $1.25;10 for $4.00,postpaid.2" pots.
A collection of one each of the six varieties,for $2.75,postpaid.

DWARF HARDY ASTERS

We predict that these will be the outstanding new small plants of the year,as they are hardy,bloom early and profusely,and are small enough for use in any garden.Stock limited.

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DAPHNE.A lovely little pink variety,compact in growth,and very free flowering.Makes a low mound,a foot across,by as much in height.
LADY HENRY MADDOCKS.Clear,pale pink flowers,very free-flowering,and of dwarf compact habit.Height 1 foot.
COUNTESS OF DUDLEY.A very charming clear pink,with yellow eye.Bushy habit and free flowering.Height 9 inches.
VICTOR.Very dwarf and pretty.Good sized flowers of a beautiful clear pale lavender blue.Charming for the rockery.

Any one variety,60¢ each;3 for $1.50;10 for $4.00,postpaid.2" pots.
A collection of one each of the four varieties for $2.00,postpaid.

ASTER FRIKARTI

We have now had this fine hardy Aster,for three years,and have offered it for two.And we like it better each year.The flowers are a charming shade of blue,soft and lovely,and are nearly two inches across when fully open.The plant grows from 18" to 2' high,and is very branching,so that a single stem,such as will develop from one of our small plants,the first year,will make a rounded clump.The plant blooms in September and continues for a long time.It is somewhat less stiff and rigid than many of the Aster amellus forms,and is charming when massed in the front of the hardy border.

Plants from 2" pots;25¢ each;5 for $1.00;postpaid.

GYPSOPHILA BRISTOL FAIRY

Almost every gardener knows and has grown this plant.It is so great an improvement over older sorts,as to have entirely superseded them. As a mass of white in the midst of the border,it is splendid,in mid-summer,and it may be planted beside Oriental Poppies,to fill the space they leave,after flowering.And of course the cut stems,cloudy white with the large double flowers,make the finest foil for all the bright colored summer flowers,when cut for use in the house.

The large field grown roots are difficult to transplant and are often checked so that the bloom is lost for one season.We have a fine lot of own-root plants,grown in 3½" pots,which will flower the first year,if planted in April and May. 35¢ each;any quantity;postpaid.

POTENTILLA TONGUEI

We are prone to judge the value of plants in our trial beds,in part at least,by their effect on visitors who see them there.So that when we find a plant that grows readily,yet is not weedy,withstanding hot summers and cold winters,wet and dry conditions,and always looking well, it needs only an insistent demand from every visitor to be permitted to have a plant,to satisfy us that we haveafind. And when in addition, visiting Nurserymen begin to be envious,or else ask where we got it, then we know that we have a good new thing.

This Potentilla is just that.It is a prostrate trailing plant with the typical foliage of Genus,rough,bronzy green.The growth starts from a close tufted crown,which sends out runners,perhaps a foot long,which do not seem inclined to root down and crowd out the neighbors.It is thoroughly at home on a bank,or hanging on a wall,or carpeting a flat area.The flowers are the size of a dime,a bright golden yellow,with the center suffused red.Almost from the first warm May days,up until the ground began to freeze,our plants had flowers on them,and in the flush of bloom,they were a sight to behold.

The stock is limited,and not more than three plants will be sent on any one order. 35¢ each;3 for $1.00,postpaid. Plants from 2" pots.

LOTUS CORNICULATUS FL.PL.

We have the true form of this plant,which closely resembles Coronilla minima.It is a close matting vine,rooting at the joints,and spreading in all directions from the center,so that it forms a mound like an inverted plate,very neat and attractive in its pale blue green coloring. It grows so closely,that it covers and holds light sandy soil,yet it spreads only about a foot in a season.The flowers are somewhat pea-like, double,bright orange,with a reddish tinge to unopened buds.They open at the end of short stems,so that they are scattered over the plant. Almost continuously in flower,from June til fall.Fine as a specimen, or for carpeting banks. From 2" pots;25¢ each 3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25.

CAMPANULA BELLARDI MIRANDA

In our opinion,quite the best small Harebell for the rockery.It grows easily,without becoming weedy,and is of ironclad hardiness.The light green foliage makes a low mat from 3 to 6 inches high,above which the tubular, pale blue bells,are carried on short stems. In the flush of spring bloom,the plant is literally covered,and there is a continuous flowering until September.It is distinct from most sorts,is a native of Thibet,where it was found by Reginald Farrer,and has been called one of his greatest finds. 25¢ each;3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25.

CAMPANULA MURALIS

This is very different from the preceding.It forms a tufted crown of dark green leaves,above which,on 6 inch stems are many nodding, purple-blue,bell-shaped flowers.It has the longest flowering period of any Harebell,for it starts in June,and may continue til November. Many competent authorities consider this the very best small Campanula and with us,it has done well,and been very satisfactory,tho not so easily grown as C.bellardi miranda. 25¢ each;3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25.

TUNICA SAXIFRAGA ROSEA FL.PL.

The long wiry dark green stems of this plant, are studded with double pink flowers,much like these of Bristol Fairy Gypsophila,in size and shape.To give the best effect,the plant should be placed so that the stems trail together,over a stone or bank,when the flowers are massed.However,it is charming anywhere in the rockery,and is rarely without flowers.Fine also for wall planting.We again have a good quantity of plants,and hope to supply all orders,this season.

From 2" pots;25¢ each;3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25,postpaid.

GENERAL LIST OF SMALL POTTED ROCKERY PLANTS

The following plants are all of value in the rockery,and in some cases are far from common.Each is well established in a small pot,ready to be planted out in the garden when received.They are the same size as we plant in our fields to produce a good sized plant during the summer,for sale the following season.Most will flower,before the summer is over.

All at,-3 for 50¢;10 for $1.25;100 for $10.00.Each,25¢.Postpaid.
Single prices apply, except as plants ordered are all alike.

ACHILLEA TOMENTOSA.Soft silky grey foliage,making a dense mat.Flowers in flat yellow heads,1 to 2 inches across,in June and later.6" high.

ANDROSACE SARMENTOSA.One of the finest of rockery plants.A rosette of downy leaves,1½" across,sends up in early May,an umbel of pink flowers on a 4 inch stem.Later it sends out runners like a strawberry,which root,and form new rosettes,until the plant is a cluster,similar to a large Hen and Chickens.An established clump,in bloom,is a fine sight.

ANEMONE SEPTEMBER CHARM.A dwarf fall Anemone,with flowers nearly as large and of about the same color as the taller Queen Charlotte.It is as hardy as any of these Anemones,and should be left undisturbed in spring,since many times,plants will develop from the roots,tho the crown is dead.Our small potted plants,invariably flower here,but are very slow at the start of the season.No delivery til late May,or June.

ARABIS PROCURRENS.A smooth shining leaved sort,that makes a compact small rosette,which carries branching sprays of white flowers in May.

ARENARIA VERNA AUREA.A new form,from Europe,which tolerates more sun than the type.It is very low,and mossy,and can be used for filling rock work and flagged paths.The foliage has a distinct yellow cast.

ASTER ALPINUS ALBUS.A lovely white form of the low spring flowering Aster.Makes a close tuft of strap-like leaves,and carries its 1½" wide flowers,with their yellow center,on 6 inch stems,in May.

ASTILBE SIMPLICIFOLIA.This is a very dwarf form of the herbaceous Spireas.It grows about 8 inches high,with good foliage,reddish green, and with quite long,arching panicles of pink flowers.Fine specimen.

DRABA OLYMPICA.This will form a close mossy turf,with foliage like wire.In small sizes,it is a low oval mound.In spring,the plant is studded with tiny yellow flowers.Very hardy,stands full sun.

ERODIUM CHAMAEDRYS.A tiny Alpine,in flower all summer,that appealed to many visitors,last summer.Tufts of pretty glossy leaves,about 2" high,with delicate pink,veined flowers,on thread-like stems.Light soil,in full sun,and some lime,make it happy.

ERYTHRAEA DIFFUSA MASSONI.By many considered difficult,this grew easily for us,last summer.Trailing habit,with neat evergeen foliage, and small pink flowers during July and August.Grows only 3 to 5 inches high,and the stems intertwine.It likes our light warm loam,which is apt to be acid,over an alkaline base,and grew easily in full sun.

HYPERICUM POLYPHYLLUM.One of the choicest yellow flowering prostrate plants.This will attain a height of 2-3" but will carpet a two foot area,with blue green.The flowers are large,bright yellow,and have the soft tuft of stamens common to the Genus.Gave us difficulty last year, but with extra care,we expect to be able to supply everyone,this season.Plants outside,during the past extremely severe winter,were killed at the crown in many cases,but the tips of rooted stems,lived and kept the stock for us.

HELIANTHEMUMS. The Rockroses should have a page to themselves,for we have a long list of varieties.They are all charming,and interest us greatly.Here they are hardy,and we believe culture is responsible for most failures.These are almost prostrate shrubs.The sprawling stems need protection during winter,with boughs or hay,or excelsior,but never with leaves.In summer,they want a sunny well-drained position,on soil not too rich.They can stand baking,but not wet feet.Flowers open in the morning,presenting a sheet of color,but fade in afternoon.This continues for a month or more,in midsummer.After flowering,cut back severely.

APRICOT.A large ruffled flower,in a yellow pink shade.Glossy foliage

BEN LEDI.A fine clear bright glistening crimson,most unusual and striking.Foliage is good,and the plant not sprawly.

BEN LERK.A large clear light yellow flower,with a bright orange center.This coloring is unusual,as most are self colored.Good plant.

BOULE DE FEU.The flowers are not as large as the singles,but are fully double,and are very deep red.The plant is not a strong grower.

DOUBLE WHITE.This double form is larger,and is very attractive.

LEMON.A very pale yellow,large flower,with attractively crinkled petals.Makes a great sheet of color,when in bloom.

ORANGE.Glossy foliage,and a very bright colored flower.

RHODANTHE CARNEUM.Silvery grey foliage,and large flowers,of a shade between rose and salmon.Attractive and cool looking in summer.

ROSY GEM.A bright rosy pink flower over shining green foliage.

SUDBURY GEM.A fine new variety with flowers of a rich crimson-bronze.Single. The foliage is rich green,and the habit good.

WENDELL'S ROSE.Has grey foliage,but lighter pink flowers than those of rhodanthe carneum.A fine English sort,and very charming.

WHITE.The single white form has an indiscribable charm.The large flowers above the green leaves are shown to the best advantage.

PHLOX SUBULATA,G.F.WILSON.This lavender pink,or mauve variety is by all means the most charming of its color,and is also a splendid plant.

SILENE WHERRYI.This rose-pink flowered Catchfly,is almost identical with the much desired S.pennsylvanica,and is far easier to grow.

THYMUS SERPYLLUM.The most prostrate Thyme,so flat and hardy that it can be used in walks and flagged paths,where it will grow and thrive under the hardest conditions.This form has bright red flowers,and is a sheet of color,if used as a plant for the rockery.
THYMUS SERPYLLUM ALBUM.Identical with the preceding,but white flowered.
THYMUS SERPYLLUM LANUGINOSUS. The Wooly Thyme.While a form of the preceding,this Thyme has soft wooly grey foliage,and rarely flowers. Here it grows readily on sandy loam,in full sun,and makes a soft grey carpet six inches deep,aromatic,if crushed,yet withstanding some abuse. Fine for a bank in the rockery.

VERBENA CANADENSIS.An American native,little known here,but much used in England.Masses of pink,or rosy-pink flowers on 12 to 18 inch stems from July to October.
VERBENA VENOSA. Our stock of this Verbena came originally from one of America's premier hardy plant firms.But tho described as tuberous-rooted,ours has never been known to form tubers here.But it is hardy and vigorous,the sprawling stems make a mat of dark green foliage,and the large showy lavender flower heads are freely produced,and have a fine fragrance,closely resembling that of Daphne cneorum.Worthwhile for the fragrance alone.Needs a light soil,hot and dry,we think.

PLEASE NOTE.- We cannot fill orders for three separate rockery plants,at the three rate,nor for ten at the ten rate.To obtain the quantity price,three plants must be absolutely identical.
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ALLIUM AZUREUM

This bulbous Allium differs greatly from the rush leaved sorts.It makes a tiny hardy bulb,from ¼ to ½ inch in diameter.From this bulb appears the typical rounded foliage,with the Onion odor.As it grows it takes on a slightly blue green cast.The flowers are carried on a single stiff reed-like stem,and are from 1 to 2 inches in diameter, and of the most intense steely dark blue,that we have ever seen in any flower.It cannot be described.The color appears before the florets themselves open,and continues until seed is well formed,so that the effect lasts for two weeks at least.It then soon dies down,and does not appear for another season,when it increases moderately at the root to make a clump.Does not seem to spread badly,here,in fact we have not had enough to offer until this year,tho we grew it first several years ago.

Put a few bulbs among white or pink flowering plants,that grow to two feet high,and flower in June and July.You'll surely enjoy the contrast.And they'll take care of themselves.
Good flowering size bulbs,10¢ each.A few large bulbs,25¢ each.

LIATRIS SCARIOSA ALBA

Again we have a moderate number of the tuber like roots of this white flowered Kansas Gayfeather,to offer.These have all flowered, and been selected for color,so that we do not think any mixture is possible.As a contrast to the brightly colored form,these help to make a garden picture,at the season when flowers begin to be scarce in the border.They are fine for cutting as well.

Strong young roots,35¢ each;3 for $1.00;10 for $3.00.

VIBURNUM FRAGRANS

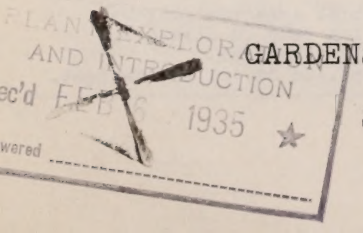
The finest new shrub available in America,is this Chinese Viburnum. Indeed,we are told that for centuries,the Chinese planted this in their temple grounds,and would not permit it to be sold.Brought to England by Reginald Farrer,more than ten years ago,and only now becoming known, altho it has been in the Arnold Arboretum,for nearly all that time.

The bloom is much like that of V.carlesi,(The Mayflower Viburnum) and has the same waxy appearance,and delightful fragrance.But in contrast to that variety,this has an erect habit,strong stiff stems,and attractively crinkled bronzy foliage.Flowers appear with the leaves, or even before,in fact,we have been told that in the middle-west,they have opened during a mild period in February.It is hardy there,and it survived the winter of 1933-34 here,tho killed back to the snowline in many cases.Forsythia killed completely to the ground that same winter, which permits adequate comparison.

We have young plants growing in our fields,which we hope to sell next year.For the present,we can supply only young plants in 3 inch pots,well started into growth,before shipping,sometime in May.

Viburnum fragrans likes best a sandy dry soil,not dry conditions,but absolutely good drainage.Do not attempt to protect it,until the wood has fully ripened in the fall,and watch for blooms in early warm periods.Damage may be done to the plant by late frosts,but recovery comes with warm weather.

Strong young plants,from 3 inch pots,in May;EACH,$1.00,postpaid.



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